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There are altogether twenty-six battles which were fought during the life time of Rasulullaah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and in which he personally took part. In order that the reader may have a knowledge of them I give them below in a tabular form. I have added to this table a column of "Causes" which I hope, will furnish to those who blame Islaam for the use of sword, that it was only defensive and not for the purpose of promulgation:

No.	Name	Year	Enemy	Cause	Result
1.	Abva	2 A.H.	Bani Zimra	In league with the Quraish they decided to attack the Muslims.	Owing to the lack of means the Bani Zimra were obliged to beg for truce.
2.	Asheera	2 A.H.	Abu Sufyan the Quraish	The fear of the Quraish that their caravan to Syria may be looted.	No actual fighting.
3.	Badr I	2 A.H.	Karraz the Quraish	The attack of the Quraish on the pastural fields of Madinah.	Enemy escaped.
4.	Badr II	2 A.H.	Quraish under Abu Jahl and Abu Sufyan.	The destruction of Islaam.	Muslim victory.
5.	Kadr	2 A.H.	Banu Salim	Their antagonism towards Islaam.	The enemy retreated on hearing of the approach of the Muslim army.
6.	Kinka	2 A.H.	The Jewish Clan Banu Kinka.	Their preparation to fight.	Were allowed to emigrate to Syria on request.
7.	Sowaig	2 A.H.	Abu Sufyan Quraish	The enemy raided the Muslim neighbourhood.	The enemy fled on the approach of the Muslims.
8.	Karkarel Kadr	3 A.H.	The Jewish Clans Salim and Utfan	Preparing to attack Madinah.	The enemy escaped.
9.	Saalaba	3 A.H.	Banu Saalaba	As above	They all embraced Islaam.
10.	Uhud	3 A.H.	Quraish	The enemy marched towards Madinah with a huge army.	Ended in the retreat of the enemy.
11.	Hameer Asad	3 A.H.	Quraish	The decision of the enemy to give a decisive battle.	The enemy retreated on hearing the approach the Muslims.
12.	Banu Na zir	4 A.H.	The Jewish clan Banu Nazir	The Jews wanted to kill Rasulullaah (Sallallahu alayhi Wasallam)	The enemy were exiled.
13.	Banu Lehan	4 A.H.	The Jewish clan Banu Lehan	To avenge themselves of the dead.	The enemy escaped.
14.	Badr Minor	4 A.H.	Quraish	They decided to attack the Muslims according to their previous boast to do so.	But retreated before they could reach Madinah.

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15.	Zat-e-Rika	5 A.H.	Banu Ismar and Saalaba	They collected an army to fight the Muslims.	The enemy fled.
16.	Domatul Jandal	5 A.H.	Nasrani	They agreed to fight at the instigation of Kaiser.	But fled on hearing of the approach of Muslim army.
17.	Mareessee	5 A.H.	Jews	Their desire to fight the Muslims	The enemy was routed.
18.	Khanduq	5 A.H.	Quraish and Jews	They attacked Madinah	The Muslim victory.
19.	Banu Kariza	5 A.H.	The Jewish Clan Kariza	Started preparation to fight the Muslims.	The Muslims inflicted a heavy defeat.
20.	Yamana	6 A.H.	Quraish	The enemy raided the pasture fields.	The looted property was recovered
21.	Khaibur	7 A.H.	The Jews of Khaibur	Their enmity to Islaam and their preparation to fight them.	The victory of the Muslims.
22.	Takra	7 A.H.	The Jews	They showed enmity.	Were defeated.
23.	Fall of Makkah	8 A.H.	Quraish	The breaking of the truce of Hudaibiya by the Quraish.	The Muslims entered Makkah victoriously.
24.	Hunain	8 A.H.	The Clan Hawazin	The antagonistic attitude of the neighbouring tribes and their preparations to fight.	The Muslim victory.
25.	Taif	8 A.H.	The people of Taif and the refugees	The run away of Hunain were chased into Taif and besieged.	Which lasted a long time and finally a truce was negotiated.
26.	Tabook	9 A.H.	The Kaiser of Rome	The Christian empire's preparation to fight to the finish and crush Islaam.	On reaching the frontier the Muslims saw no trace of the enemy and returned without fighting.

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